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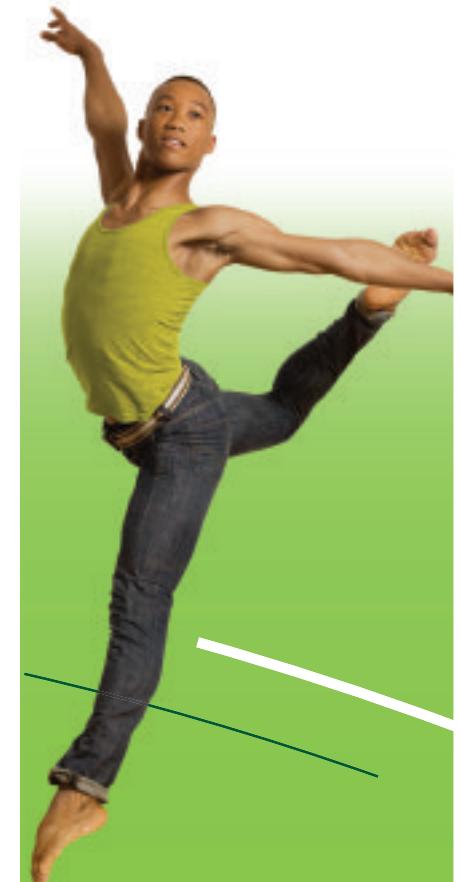
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In the news

Mom may have been stabbed to death in LI

A Long Island woman found dead, whose husband was charged in her murder, may have been stabbed to death before their house was set on fire, police said yesterday. Loventino Cassadean, 49, was charged with homicide after his wife, Felicia, 22, was found dead in her burning home in Freeport. He reportedly was arrested in April for having oral sex with a teenager.  METRO/AB

In the news

**Sitter sentence**

A babysitter was sentenced yesterday to 11 years in prison for shaking an infant. Queens District Attorney Richard Brown announced that Ana Delarosa, 28, was sentenced for shaking the 3-month-old infant after he started crying. The baby suffered a severe brain injury and died on Jan. 4. After she completes the sentence, she will be deported to her native Mexico.  METRO/AB



► Going to cost you more

Taxi fares rise 17 percent, few complain

The cost of a New York cab ride rose by 17 percent yesterday, but several residents and visitors seemed to take the hike in stride.

The fare hike — the first since 2006 — follows an increase in U.S. gas prices, which averaged \$3.77 a gallon last week, up from about \$2 in

2000, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Some city cab drivers say they shell out as much as \$4.50 a gallon at Manhattan gas stations.

Tourists seemed untroubled by an increase that raised the average price of an

evening rush hour cab ride to \$12.21 for a 2.8 mile ride, according to the Taxi and Limousine Commission.

"When you're spending so much money already, it's a drop in the bucket," said Teresa Henderson, 63, who was visiting from Adelaide, Australia. Henderson's sister,

Maria Webb, agreed. "They absolutely deserve a raise," said Webb, 59. "They have to drive in this mad traffic. Plus, these gas prices are outrageous."

But New Yorker Christopher Keating, 42, said slight increases over time would have been better than a steep fare hike. 

**Barclays Center countdown**

BROOKLYN. The new Barclays Center opens in 24 days! Metro will offer a tidbit about the new development daily until opening day on Sept. 28. Advice to beat the crowds: Head to the Emblem Health entrance on the northeast corner of Atlantic Avenue to avoid long lines when everyone else rushes to the front entrance for shows.

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UES rapist sentenced to 20 years

UPPER EAST SIDE. A man was sentenced to 20 years in prison yesterday for sexually assaulting two women in their Upper East Side apartments.

Jason Quinones, 23, pleaded guilty to rape and sexual abuse.

According to his guilty plea, at around 4:30 a.m. on Aug. 13 of last year, he crawled into a woman's ground-floor apartment on East 90th Street. Once inside, he took her cell phone away and raped her.

The month before, on July 2, he approached a woman in an East 83rd Street apartment building, followed her into the apartment and sexually abused her.

 METRO/AB

Weight Watchers on board with Bloomie's soda ban

► Those behind the South Beach Diet, Jenny Craig agree with mayor as well ► Queens mom lost 91 pounds after cutting 25-sugar-packet-a-day habit ► Board of Health expected to approve ban at Sept. 13 meeting

Weight Watchers is on board with Mayor Michael Bloomberg's proposed ban on large-sized sodas, which the city Board of Health is scheduled to vote on next week.

Queens resident and Weight Watchers dieter Rachelle Conley told reporters yesterday she lost 91 pounds in about three years, mostly after shunning sugary drinks.

Before her dramatic slim-down, Conley said that every morning she drank 48 ounces of fruit-flavored drinks and coffee with 25 — "Yes, 25," she said — packets of sugar.

The mother of three banned sugary beverages, pairing her personal ban with exercising near Flushing Meadows Corona Park to lose the nearly 100 pounds.

Weight Watchers President Dave Burwick joined Bloomberg and Health Commissioner Thomas Farley yesterday to voice his approval.

Critics have said the kibosh on sugary drinks larger than 16 ounces is too intrusive and would take away New Yorkers' right to choose their own drinks.

But Bloomberg responded that people can still buy two sodas, and that it simply controls portion size.

"As the size of sugary drinks has grown, so have our waistlines — and so have diabetes and heart disease," the mayor said yesterday.

"In a city with large sizes of high-calorie snack foods and beverages at your fingertips around the clock, it is no wonder many New Yorkers struggle to maintain a healthy



► A member of the Board of Health shows a soda size that would not be permitted under the proposed ban.

weight," Farley added.

The Board of Health is scheduled to vote on the ban on Thursday, Sept. 13, and is expected to approve the proposal. It would go into effect six months from now, in March 2013.

Other diet companies supporting the ban include the South Beach Diet, Jenny Craig and Bob Greene of The Best Life Diet.

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Quoted

"Reducing sugary drinks is the simplest dietary change that people can make to lose weight or avoid gaining weight."

NYC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
COMMISSIONER THOMAS FARLEY

Busting at seams**Health stats for New York:**

- 60 percent of NYC adults are overweight or obese.
- 40 percent of NYC children are overweight or obese.
- 1 in 8 New Yorkers has diabetes.
- 5,800 New Yorkers die every year as a result of obesity.
- 20 In New York City, 20.7 percent of children in kindergarten through eighth grade are obese.

Unhealthy stats**The percentage of people who are overweight or obese:**

- 69.7 percent in the Bronx
- 61.8 percent in Staten Island
- 60.3 percent in Brooklyn
- 47.4 percent in Manhattan

What would new restrictions do?

The proposal would ban sugary drinks that are 16 ounces or more at restaurants, food carts, delis and movie theaters, stadiums and arenas. It would not, however, apply to grocery and convenience stores — so you could still get, for example, a Big Gulp at 7-11.

Nude model gets \$15K from city after 2011 arrest

It pays to strip down and stand up. One woman is expecting a \$15,000 payout from the city after the NYPD arrested her for getting completely naked in Times Square last year.

Zoe West, 22, of Kingston, N.Y., was cuffed after artist Andy Golub applied body paint over her exposed flesh in front of spectators.

She slipped out of her G-string for the finishing touches, but was hauled away in handcuffs by the NYPD and put in the back of a "chilly" police van, according to West. She said she knew being arrested was a possibility, but it still came as a surprise.

"There was a moment of terror," West told Metro. "I just tried to calm myself and go with it."

She added, "It was surreal. I've never been arrested before. And although I have done plenty of nude modeling, being nude in the back of a police van



► West gets painted.

YOUTUBE VIDEO

little overly frisky when they see a naked girl," Kuby said.

Kuby said the city is forking over the \$15,000, but the NYPD hasn't issued any apologies.

"We say in the Bronx, \$15K is 15,000 'I'm sorrys,'" Kuby told Metro. "I don't expect a warm note with the cold cash."

The price tag is chump change when it comes to lawsuits against NYC; the city spends hundreds of millions on settlements and awards each year (see page 06).

But for West, it's money she can invest or save for her future. She plans to move to Manhattan in October. Although she's still modeling and acting, West said she isn't sure she'd get fully nude in public again.

She said, "I really am not into getting arrested a second time. I suppose it would have to be the right occasion."

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Tennis. Celebrities



► Middleton was photographed taking in day nine of the U.S. Open at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center yesterday.

One of UK's favorite celebs spotted at US Open

It's hardly just Eva Longoria and Brooklyn Decker who have deigned to be photographed in the middle of Queens. Pippa Middleton was also spotted at the U.S. Open yesterday. The famed sister to the Duchess of Cambridge is a known tennis fan and was invited to the match as a guest of Roger Federer. She stopped by the U.S. Open as part of her trip to the U.S., where she's also been seen at the glitzy Sunset Beach hotel and bar on Shelter Island and at the Electric Room in the Meatpacking District with former New York Ranger Sean Avery over the weekend. She is reportedly staying at the Carlyle Hotel on the Upper East Side. ■ METRO/CB

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Dogs saved from fighting ring now ready for adoption



► Police officers stand with some of the puppies rescued from a Bronx basement on June 21.

COURTESY OF NYPD

Many of the 50 dogs saved from a cruel Bronx dog-fighting ring in June will be available for adoption by the public, the ASPCA announced yesterday.

The dogs, pit bulls and pit bull mixes ranging from puppies to adults, were rescued in late June from a nightmarish basement in the Bronx where, according to the ASPCA and the Bronx District Attorney's Office, they were forced to fight one another.

So far, 26 of the dogs have been placed with animal welfare groups throughout the Northeast, and placement options for an additional seven dogs are being finalized. In total, 33 dogs will be up for adoption.

After being rescued, the dogs required two months of care. They had been traumatized by the fighting and, in addition to medical care and a proper diet, required extensive socialization at a temporary

Super of building charged with running ring

The superintendent of the building, Raul Sanchez, was arrested the same day as the raid. He has been charged with 63 counts of animal fighting as well as various counts of aggravated animal cruelty and possession of a weapon. If convicted, he faces up to four years in jail.

shelter.

Seventeen of the rescued dogs had to be euthanized, the ASPCA said yesterday. Those 17 showed extreme aggression, according to ASPCA spokesman Bret Hopman, and were found to be too dangerous to be handled by people.

Several animal experts studied the dogs, according to Hopman, and the decision was

made to put them down.

When the ASPCA and the NYPD conducted the raid on June 21, they found 50 dogs held in the dingy, dark basement of a six-story apartment building in the Bronx. The dogs were forced to live in crude cages in the corner room of a cellar and rarely — if ever — saw the light of day, unless they were brought outside to be trained or to fight in the streets.

The basement included a makeshift fighting arena with seats for dozens of spectators.

Doggie treadmills had been set up, and harnesses, muzzles and syringes lay scattered on the floor, officials charge.

There was also a shopping cart full of raw chicken parts in the cellar, which officials said was fed to the canines.

Police and ASPCA workers at the scene also found a loaded .25-caliber handgun, multiple pet carriers and money.

**Interested
in adopting
one of the pups?**

The dogs are currently being held at various animal rescue centers, including:

► St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center in Madison, N.J., Charles Henderson Animal

Rescue in Brooklyn and Columbia Greene Humane Society in upstate Hudson, N.Y. Some of the dogs are also at the ASPCA's Adoption Center on the Upper East Side of Manhattan.

If you are interested in adopting one of the dogs, you can contact the shelters at the following numbers for more information:

► St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center (Madison, N.J.): 973-377-2295

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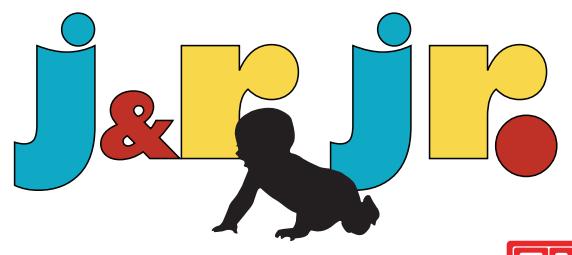
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Lawsuits against NYC expected to cost city \$735M

► That's almost six times what Los Angeles pays per capita ► Some view a case against the city 'the same as winning the lottery' ► State has no damages limits

New York City plans to spend \$735 million this year on settlements or awards in lawsuits claiming negligence, police abuse and property damage, the most in its history.

The cost of claims is forecast to rise to \$815 million by 2016, more than the city pays to run the Parks and Recreation Department, according to budget documents.

Among the incidents triggering payments are malpractice in public hospitals, police

"It's a huge problem for the city, and trial lawyers will say it's only justice. But it's also a matter of people considering a case ... the same as winning the lottery." MCMAHON

beatings, improper arrests, collisions with fire trucks and potholes causing accidents.

"It's a huge problem for the city and trial lawyers will say it's only justice," said E.J. McMahon, a research fellow for the Manhattan Institute's Empire Center for New York State Policy. "But it's also a matter of some people considering a case before a New York jury the same as winning the lottery."

One reason New York's legal payouts are rising, according to



► The increase in litigation payouts may put pressure on Mayor Michael Bloomberg as he weighs job and service cuts to close a \$3.5 billion city budget deficit. This week, one woman was awarded \$15,000 for a wrongful arrest last year for being nude in public (see page 03).

Some pretty expensive loitering

One example of a high payout happened in February, when the city paid \$15 million to settle a class-action suit filed in 2005 against the NYPD on behalf of 22,000 New Yorkers charged with loitering from 1983 to 2011 — in violation of a law declared unconstitutional in 1992.

Lawsuits claiming police abuse "are very serious cases where people die or people have their rights violated," said Katherine Rosenfeld, an attorney with Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP.

In the loitering case, the settlement reached \$15 million because "they were compensating people for things that had happened over a very long period of time," she said.

the city's Law Department, is that unlike California, Illinois and Pennsylvania, the state has no laws that cap damages or limit liability in suits against municipal governments.

Deputy Police Commissioner Paul Browne, the department's chief spokesman, countered that the Law Department is too quick to settle cases and that some lawyers manipulate the system. "It's a cottage industry, suing the department," Browne said. BLOOMBERG

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GOP unveils new attacks

Republicans prepared a counterpunch to the Democratic National Convention this week by introducing their new line of attack with a not-so-new question: "Are you better off than you were four years ago?"

Congressman Paul Ryan and other Republican officials converged on Charlotte, N.C., where President Barack Obama will accept his party's nomination and enter the home stretch of the 2012 race for the White House.

The Romney campaign kicked off its effort to "bracket" the convention with a new emphasis on what it called Obama's failed presidency, a theme Romney himself punctuated in his speech a week earlier to the Republican National Convention.

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Obama's storm visit aims to draw parallel on disaster response

President Barack Obama toured hurricane-stricken Louisiana yesterday and promised federal recovery help as he sought to show his administration was on top of the disaster response on the eve of his Democrats' national convention.

Obama was preceded by his Republican challenger, Mitt Romney, who diverted from the campaign trail to Louisiana to inspect the fallout from Hurricane Isaac a day after accepting his party's nomination for the Nov. 6 election.

Flying into New Orleans on a hot, sunny day, Obama traveled by motorcade to nearby St. John the Baptist Parish, one of the hardest-hit communities,

"The real issue now in the election is: who's got the best plan going forward?"

ELIZABETH WARREN

where he met federal, state and local officials and then surveyed the area.

He saw evidence of the storm's fury — twisted road signs, toppled trees, blown-down fences, debris piled high and pools of water beside the road. Stepping out of his limousine, he paused to comfort a few residents and hear their stories. REUTERS



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► President Obama chats with residents while touring damage caused by Hurricane Isaac in the Ridgewood neighborhood of LaPlace, in Saint John the Baptist Parish, La.

Top Democrat likens Paul Ryan to Nazi propagandist

A top California Democratic Party official yesterday compared Republican vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan to Nazi Germany's infamous propagandist Joseph Goebbels, drawing rebukes from both parties the day before the Democratic Party's nominating convention formally begins.

In a story reported yesterday by the San Francisco Chronicle, California Democratic Party Chairman John Burton compared distortions Ryan made in campaign speeches to lies used by Goebbels, a fierce anti-Semite and one of Adolf Hitler's closest cohorts.

"They lie and they don't care if people think they lie," Burton reportedly said at a breakfast with Charlotte delegates.

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Stunned by US rebuke, Israel prepares Iran climbdown

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► Netanyahu

Stunned by a rebuke from the United States' top general, Israel is preparing a climbdown strategy in its war of words over Iran's nuclear program.

A burst of bellicose rhetoric last month led Western allies to fear that Israel was poised to launch a unilateral strike against Iran in an effort to hobble the Islamic Republic's contested nuclear facilities.

Convinced Iran is seeking the atomic bomb, Israeli leaders have warned of a possible Holocaust if Tehran is not stopped; but the saber-rattling clearly riled Washington.

In a move that dismayed Israeli ministers, U.S. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Martin Dempsey told reporters in Britain last week that the United States did not want to be "complicit" in an Israeli attack on Iran.

He also warned that go-it-

alone military action risked unraveling an international coalition that applied progressively stiff sanctions on Iran.

Dempsey's comments made clear that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was isolated and that if he went ahead with an attack, could jeopardize all-important ties with the Jewish state's closest ally.

"Israeli leaders cannot do anything in the face of a very explicit 'no' from the U.S. president. So they are exploring what space they have left to operate," said Giora Eiland, who served as national security adviser from 2003 to 2006.

"Dempsey's announcement changed something. Before, Netanyahu said the United States might not like [an attack], but they will accept it the day after. However, such a public, bold statement meant the situation had to be reassessed." **REUTERS**

US manufacturing slows at sharpest rate for three years

Manufacturing in the United States shrank at its sharpest clip in more than three years last month, a survey showed yesterday, the latest sign that the slowing global economy is weighing on an already weak U.S. recovery.

August was the third month in a row of contraction in the factory sector, accord-

ing to an Institute for Supply Management survey. Firms hired the fewest workers since late 2009, a possible red flag for the August U.S. jobs report due on Friday.

ISM's index of national factory activity fell to 49.6 in August, from 49.8 in July, and shy of the 50.0 median estimate in a Reuters poll of economists. A reading below 50 indicates contraction in the key sector.

"Overall, today's report keeps intact concerns that industrial output growth could slow to a crawl in the remaining months of 2012," said JP Morgan economist Michael Feroli. **REUTERS**

Auto sales on track to beat estimates

Auto sales continued to show a slow recovery in August as all three Detroit automakers and Toyota Motor Corp. reported gains that outstripped analyst expectations.

General Motors Co. posted a 10 percent jump, as higher gasoline prices spurred sales of compact cars including GM's Cruze.

"Higher gas prices in August will lead to unseasonably strong small car performance across the industry," said Edmunds.com analyst Jessica Caldwell.

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49.6

ISM's index of national factory activity fell to 49.6 in August from 49.8 in July.

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In the news

Warhol 'Marlon' from 'The Wild One' may fetch \$20 million

NEW YORK. Andy Warhol's 1966 canvas of leather-clad Marlon Brando on a motorcycle is expected to bring about \$20 million at Christie's in New York in November.

Titled "Marlon," the work comes from the collection of Donald L. Bryant, a trustee of the Museum of Modern Art who bought it for \$5 million at Christie's in 2003.

The current estimate is "very much in line with where the market has gone for Warhol," said Brett Gorvy, chairman and international head of post-war and contemporary art at Christie's. **BLOOMBERG**

Organic food 'adds no vitamins for extra cost'

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► The only nutrient that researchers found to be significantly higher in organic compared to non-organic foods was phosphorus, of which very few people have a deficiency.

Consumers shouldn't pay more for organic food because of what it adds to their diets, research suggests. The only gain may come from what it doesn't add.

Organic foods that account for \$27 billion in U.S. grocery sales offer no more vitamins and nutrients than conventional products, according to a review of 240 studies done at Stanford University in California.

The research, published in the Annals of Internal Medicine, did find lower levels of pesticides in produce and antibiotic-resistant bacteria in meat.

U.S. sales of organic food rose sevenfold over a dozen years to \$26.7 billion in 2010, according to the Organic Trade Association, based in Brattleboro, Vt. While the

reports studied didn't address specific health consequences for illnesses such as heart disease or cancer, they offered little evidence there would be any, the researchers wrote.

"There wasn't any strong evidence to support the idea that organic foods are significantly healthier," said Crystal Smith-Spangler, the study's lead author, in a telephone interview.

Organic foods typically are grown without pesticides, synthetic fertilizers or genetically modified organisms; animals aren't given antibiotics. The studies found food produced in that manner to be 30 percent less likely to contain trace levels of pesticides, but they noted that it was uncommon for any food in the U.S. to have unsafe levels.

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Exposure

► "This study confirms that choosing organic foods reduces consumers' exposure to pesticide residues, and that the overuse of antibiotics in non-organic production leads to higher level of bacteria resistant to antibiotics in meat," Batcha said in an e-mailed response to questions. "Studies have increasingly shown the importance of minimizing young children's exposure to even low levels of chemical pesticides."

► Of the studies reviewed, 17 compared groups eating organic and non-organic foods and 223 compared the nutrients, bacteria, fungus and pesticides found in the foods.

► The studies looked at a variety of products, including meat, eggs, milk and vegetables.

► There have been no large studies that followed consumers of organic and non-organic foods to assess whether they had better overall health or lower rates of heart disease or cancer.

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Election 2012: Social media has limited role, but Dems take more notice — survey

Social networking sites play a modest role in influencing most U.S. users' political views — with the biggest impact among Democrats, a survey showed yesterday.

The Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project poll comes as Democratic President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney are using Facebook Inc. pages and other social media as campaign tools ahead of the November election.

"For most of those who use the sites, political material is just a small portion of what they post and what they read. And the impact of their use of the sites is modest, at best," Lee Rainie, director of the Pew project, said in a statement.

Thirty-six percent of social networking site users say they are "very important" or "somewhat important" to them in keeping up with political news, the survey showed.

The sites are "very important" or "somewhat important" to 26 percent of site users in recruiting people to get involved in political issues that matter to them.

A quarter of the site users say they are "very important" or "somewhat important" for discussing or debating political issues, the poll showed.

A third of Democrats who say their activities have led them to become more active, compared with 24 percent of site-using Republicans and independents. **REUTERS**



News in brief



Starbucks to offer gift deal through LivingSocial

NEW YORK. Starbucks Corp. — the world's largest coffee chain — is offering consumers a deal this week through daily deal company LivingSocial, a vote of confidence in Groupon Inc.'s main rival.

LivingSocial, partly owned by Amazon.com Inc., will offer a \$10 Starbucks gift card for \$5 today. Customers have six months to claim the card, which can be used across the United States, according to company executives.

Starbucks planned to offer the deal to members of

its rewards program, via e-mail, last night — giving loyal customers the first chance to buy. The companies plan to sell at least one million deals, they said.

REUTERS

Amazon and Epix strike movie deal

LOS ANGELES. Amazon.com Inc. and Hollywood studio partnership Epix struck a deal that adds about 3,000 movies to Amazon's video streaming library, ramping up competition with the likes of Netflix and Apple.

The news pushed Netflix shares down as much as 11 percent and comes two days before Amazon is expected to unveil at least one new tablet computer at an event near Los Angeles.

The agreement gives Amazon Prime Instant Video subscribers access to such movies as "The Avengers," "Iron Man 2" and "The Hunger Games" from Epix's Hollywood studio owners and partners. **REUTERS**



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Doctors warned they shouldn't tell jokes

Medicine is serious — but the people who practice it are not. That's the conclusion of new research in the Mayo Clinic Proceedings journal showing that around 75 percent of doctors have been accused of "humorously promoting death."

The report goes on to suggest the jokes are taken seriously, with more than 30 percent of investigations into accusations of murder or euthanasia against physicians coming from colleagues. "The accusations reflect conflicting beliefs about care."

The study also suggests that euthanasia remains too sensitive a subject to joke about. It follows a 2012 report from the Journal of Palliative Medicine, which found that in murder and euthanasia investigations, "most accusers are health care professionals who are

likely to object on moral grounds."

However, a 2011 report from the Hastings Center argued that "gallows humor" can be helpful to medical workers, and it's acceptable if patients were respected. After a traumatic episode, doctors "needed to laugh before they could eat, and they needed to eat to be at their best," said the Center's medical ethicist Professor Katie Watson.

It is a view supported by psychologist Dr. Sandi Mann of the University of Central Lancashire. "Humor is a self-protective mechanism which has a positive impact by reducing tension and helping to prevent burn-out," she told Metro. "But there's a fine line — one of the problems is de-personalization. Doctors can stop seeing their patients as people."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Doctor slang

- ▶ **Donorcycle** — This refers to a motorcycle and the injuries associated with accidents that affect the head but leave organs in good condition for donation.
- ▶ **Handbag positive** — This is a confused patient — usually old — lying on hospital bed and clutching a handbag.
- ▶ **LOBNH** — Lights On But Nobody Home is a nonresponsive patient.
- ▶ **Bury the Hatchet** — This means accidentally leaving a surgical instrument inside a patient.
- ▶ **Ash cash** — This is money received for signing cremation forms.



► A new research study published in the Mayo Clinic Proceedings journal says doctors have been accused of "humorously promoting death."

In the news

Combat stress clouds soldiers' power to concentrate

NEW YORK. Stress from combat changes activity in soldiers' brains, compromising their ability to focus attention, researchers in the Netherlands said.

Dutch veterans who served with NATO in Afghanistan showed declines in working memory and capacity to sustain attention in tests done about a month and a half after they arrived home, according to an imaging study reported in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. The structural changes mostly disappeared 18 months after the soldiers ended active duty, the researchers found. **BLOOMBERG**

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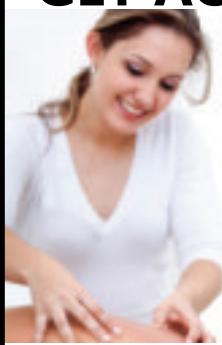
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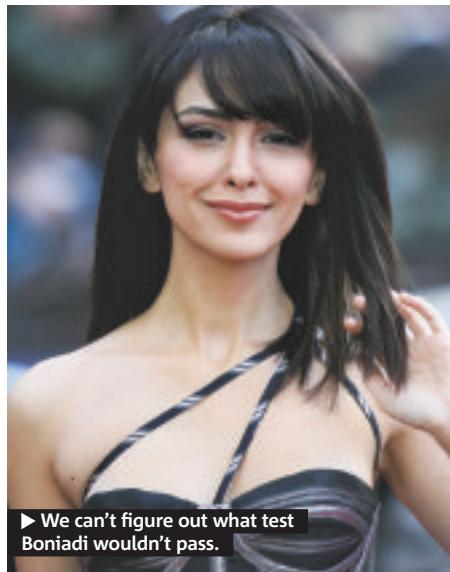
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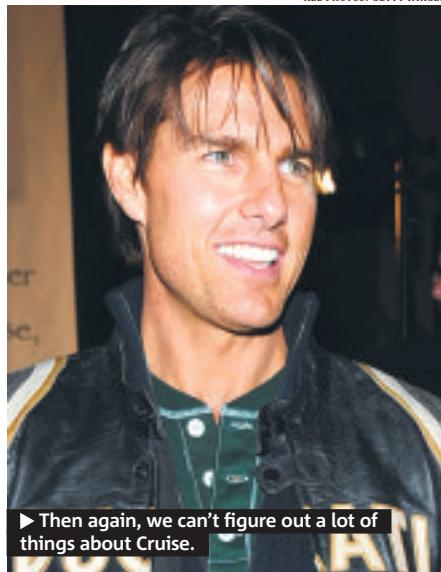
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► **@SandraBernhard** in lieu of shabbat i'll be listening to bon jovi's living on a prayer.

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► **@azizansari** Starting a book club. We'll only read one book. Total Recall: My Unbelievably True Life Story by Arnold Schwarzenegger. Who's in?



Aziz Ansari

Although **Tom Cruise**'s reps have dismissed Vanity Fair's latest cover story as "lies designed to sell magazines," writer and director **Paul Haggis** has come out in support of the article, which alleges that the Church of Scientology acts as Cruise's creepy personal dating service.

In a letter to entertainment website Showbiz 411, Haggis,

a former Scientologist, confirms that the church thoroughly vetted Iranian actress **Nazanin Boniadi** in 2005, then ostracized and humiliated her when she wasn't deemed a suitable wife for the actor.

"I was deeply disturbed by how the highest-ranking members of a church could so easily justify using one of their members — how they so

callously punished her and then so effectively silenced her when it was done," Haggis writes. "It wasn't just the threats; they actually made her feel ashamed, when all she had been was human and trusting."

We're not sure what's so wrong with trusting, but human? That's definitely a Cruise deal breaker.

Talking points

Chris Evans, Minka Kelly are back on

Chris Evans and **Minka Kelly** have reportedly started dating again, rekindling their romance that flickered briefly in 2007, according to Us Weekly. "She did a number on him back then," a source says. "But she reached out to Chris this time." In the meantime, the



► Kelly

actress dated New York Yankees star **Derek Jeter** from 2008 to 2011. While the pair have reportedly been hitting the town in Boston and New York in the past month, Evans' friends hope he takes it slow: "He's still a little insecure, so he's being cautious," a pal tells the magazine.

Jackson reportedly a 'mess' before death

Michael Jackson was reportedly a mess while preparing for his "This Is It" tour in the

Nicki Minaj a Republican?

Nicki Minaj gets political in her new duet with **Lil Wayne**, "Mercy." "I'm a Republican voting for **Mitt Romney**, you lazy b— is f—ing up the economy," she raps on the song, which is



► This is our little secret.

part of Wayne's new mixtape, "Dedication 4."

Listen here, people: Whoever tells Mittens that Minaj dressed up like a sexy nun and paraded down the red carpet with a pope impersonator is dead to us. We need to see these two pair up on the campaign trail. We need it.

Get well soon, Billie Joe!

Green Day canceled their Sunday night gig in Bologna after singer **Billie Joe Armstrong** was rushed to the hospital. He surfaced in L.A. on Tuesday, where he

mouthed to a TMZ reporter that his voice was gone, but reports cite "gastric problems" for the cause of his hospitalization. Our theory: He remembered he agreed to be a mentor on "The Voice" this season. We had a similar reaction when we heard the news.

Justin Bieber adds a little new ink

Justin Bieber's tattoo addiction continues, as the 18-year-old debuted his latest work, a small crown on his chest, in a shirtless photo on Twitter. Bieber's other tattoos include a portrait of Jesus on one leg and a pair of praying hands on the other, the Hebrew word for Jesus on his rib cage and the word "believe" on his forearm. The crown marks Bieber's seventh tattoo.



London calling

1. Long time no see, **Jude Law**. The actor was spotted looking especially dapper in London yesterday.

2. She said yes! New "Live with Kelly" co-host **Michael Strahan** got down on one knee yesterday at the press conference to announce **Regis Philbin's** replacement.

3. Not surprisingly, GQ invited **Olivia Munn** to its Men of the Year Awards in London yesterday.

4. "Anna Karenina" star **Keira Knightley** hit the film's red carpet in London yesterday looking every bit the princess.

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Phone sex, the movie

► The 1-900 business is very much alive and well, as is clear in Ari Graynor's latest film, 'For a Good Time, Call ...' ► Why channeling a young Bette Midler may create the perfect opportunity for a 'Beaches' parody

In "For a Good Time Call," Ari Graynor plays one half of an odd-couple roommate pair (with co-writer Lauren Anne Miller as the more conservative half) who end up best friends and co-owners of a successful phone sex operation. The film gave Graynor plenty of opportunities to show off her comedy chops.

This may sound weird, but this movie really reminded me of "Beaches."

Oh my God, it's so funny. We have a joke that if the movie does well, we want to do a Funny or Die video with Barbara Hershey and Bette Midler called "C-m to the Beaches." I feel like

they would do it. I'm starting a Twitter campaign to get Bette to come to our premiere. But yeah, it's basically the same movie, at the end of the day.

It seems in today's Hollywood it's harder to get those kinds of female-fronted comedies made.

There was a dynamic of strength and vulnerability in all those women that I just loved so much — and a freedom in their performances that I just think was so special. Certainly that kind of talent is still around — there just hasn't been the forum to let it loose in the same way. I don't know why that got lost. It's confusing, but it's nice to feel like maybe it's coming back. I feel

like there's this really exciting moment right now — specifically with women — of taking charge of their careers, of taking charge of content. There are all these women that are making it happen for themselves. Some people might say it's unrealistic to get ["For a Good Time Call"] made, to get it made in 16 days, to find financing, to get into Sundance, but here we are and it's been such a complete success story. You never know, and you just have to push through.

How important was it for this story to take place in New York?

Well, we shot it in L.A., with one day of shooting in New York. It was so important to the



► Ari Graynor practices her purr in "For a Good Time, Call ...," in theaters now.

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Love lines

It seems surprising that phone sex lines still exist.

► Phone sex absolutely still exists. I think the truth is, even with the Internet, there's a different kind of anonymity with phone sex than with

Web cams and all that stuff — God knows who can record what on those things. And, I think more to the point, people like a little intimacy. We're in this culture of porn, but people, I believe, still want intimacy, and I think some people are afraid of it in real life or don't know how to access it in real life.



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► Jeffrey Dean Morgan stars in "The Possession," in theaters now.

A man possessed

► Jeffrey Dean Morgan insists that 'The Possession' isn't a horror film ► But it has its share of demons

Jeffrey Dean Morgan is all for you getting scared watching his latest, "The Possession," but it's not a horror movie — he swears. The film follows a young girl who starts displaying disturbing behavior after her family purchases an old Hebrew artifact, with Morgan playing her beleaguered father. Despite the exorcism, Morgan makes his case for "The Possession" being more of a character piece than a fright fest.

What was the initial draw for you for this project?

Everybody wants to label this as a horror movie, and I never considered it to be a horror movie going in. It actually had a story to it, and I'm so used to horror movies this day and age being found footage, shaky camera, just a f—ing visual onslaught of gore. This movie actually had a story and it reminded me of the movies that I thought were scary — "The Exorcist" and "Rosemary's Baby" and "The Omen" — where you could become invested in those characters. This had that. [I play] a recently divorced guy trying to be a good father and sort of failing miserably with two teenage

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JEFFREY DEAN MORGAN

We're compelled

Why do you think demonic possession continues to be such a popular topic for horror films?

► Yeah, I mean people go see these movies, for sure. I don't know, I didn't ever really put it together, but it's always the kid who gets possessed. And the parents are trying to, I guess, save the day — with a priest or a rabbi, I guess, in our case. But I just think a child getting possessed is ... what is more horrific for a parent than that? And I think that's something that maybe people can somehow relate to. And what 11-year-old girl isn't possessed?

daughters. So you've got a family that's kind of been troubled at the heart of this. And then of course there's demons inside people, so there's that. [Laughs] Naturally — that's kind of a given.

But it's really a character piece. I think it really gives the opportunity for us to act, and for [director] Ole [Bornedal] to direct, and that helps a great deal when doing this kind of thing.

So many movies about possessions claim to be based on true stories.

I'm a skeptic when it comes to all that paranormal activity and craziness and possession — but in doing the little bit of research that I did for this movie, there's some scary s— out there. You can see it on the Internet, actual exorcisms and stuff that have happened. I've got to wonder how that is there. I mean, it doesn't look staged to me, and it's super-scary. But I think there's that element that this could be a real thing. I think because of that it's interesting subject matter.

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Apple sends out invites for the iPhone 5 event

- Company is expected to officially unveil the smartphone on Sept. 12
- Rumored upgrades include larger screen and high-speed LTE connection

Apple just sent members of the press invitations to an event on Sept. 12.

With the prominent number "5" in the invitation's image, the event is undoubtedly when the company will unveil its next iPhone, referred to as the "iPhone 5" by the media.

San Francisco's Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, Apple's traditional choice for big unveilings, will serve as the venue. The event will begin at 10 a.m. Pacific Time (1 p.m. Eastern).

The wait for the iPhone 5 has been a long one. Many had expected Apple to deliver a radical redesign when the company unveiled the iPhone 4S last fall, but all the rumors about larger screens and



tapered casings proved false when Apple unveiled a phone that was virtually identical to the last version.

The 4S was technically Apple's fifth iPhone, but observers soon transferred the "iPhone" label to the next version. Rumors and alleged leaks

have continued, and although Apple has confirmed nothing, there is a consensus about some of the features the next iPhone will have.

A larger screen appears almost a certainty — most rumors and supposed component photos point to the iPhone 5 having a 4-inch screen. Apple is apparently going to shrink the dock connector in an effort to keep the product as thin as possible, though that will mean users will need an adapter to connect the phone to older accessories. And a high-speed LTE connection appears a certainty.

One thing guaranteed is that the new iPhone will ship with iOS 6, the mobile soft-

ware Apple revealed in June.

While the new iPhone will be the clear headliner at the event, Apple will probably reveal other products as well, such as a refreshed iPod lineup (before iPhone launches were moved to the fall, the company's September events traditionally focused on the iPod).

The company may also unveil an iPad Mini, a smaller-screen version of its popular iPad tablet, although recent rumors have pegged that release to take place later in the fall.

PETER PACHAL FOR
Mashable
The Social Media Guide

User beware

Most Facebook apps can post behind your back

How many apps have you installed on Facebook? More importantly, how many of them could post something in your name right now, without your knowledge? Chances are, it's more than half of them.

Privacy protection company Secure.me analyzed some 500,000 Facebook apps and shared the results exclusively with Mashable. The biggest takeaways: 63 percent of those apps ask for the ability to post on your behalf — and 69 percent of them can grab your e-mail address.

"It has become second nature to connect various apps like Instagram, SocialCam, AngryBirds, CityVille and Spotify to your Facebook ID," says Secure.me founder Christian Sigl. "You just click 'agree' without even really knowing what you are agreeing to. What you don't realize is that social apps linked to your Facebook profile can

pretty much track your and your friends' whole life.

"It doesn't matter what your privacy settings are, the apps still get this information."

Not only could app makers effectively hack your Timeline and sell your e-mail address to any unscrupulous buyer — they're also potentially well on the way to stealing your identity. Some 30 percent of those apps know their users' birthdays, which would in theory allow them to uncover their social security numbers.

The permission puts your friends at risk, too. According to Secure.me, 21 percent of apps — 1 in every 5 — can access the personal data of the user's friends, including friends' birthdays, education and work history.

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What's your diet like?

It's not easy when you've got to eat out all the time. Restaurant food tastes fantastic, but I'm sure it's not all that good for you. I try to keep everything in moderation. You learn to find what works for you. I always keep my immune system going with vitamins as a back-up. You have to be careful; since having Lyme [disease], I've become more aware. I listen to my body and what it needs.

Inside the mind (and body) of a tennis champ

Last year's US Open singles winner, Samantha Stosur, talks health with us ► Good news: She's a real person who likes to dine out

Samantha Stosur has won 23 doubles and three singles championships, including the 2011 U.S. Open. The Australian, a brand ambassador for USANA Health Sciences and an ASICS-sponsored athlete, has traveled the globe playing tennis since she was a teenager. "Packing suitcases isn't my favorite thing to do," Stosur jokes on her first day back in New York, five days before the 2012 U.S. Open. We spoke to her about the diet and fitness routines that lead her to victory.

How many hours a day do you spend training?

It depends on the time of year and what's coming up. Preseason, I do two to three hours' fitness each day, then a tennis session. As you get closer to a tournament, you drop back the fitness and concentrate on being on court, [usually about] three hours each day. **What's in your gym routine?** Weights, squats, lunges, chin-ups and a lot of core stability exercise. I do endurance on a

"It's not easy when you've got to eat out all the time. Restaurant food tastes fantastic, but I'm sure it's not all that good for you."
STOSUR

bike. Preseason I'll do boxing sessions and swimming and indoor rock climbing. I try to do stuff that I can't do during tournaments; it makes it a lot more enjoyable to mix it up. **How do you protect your joints?**

For any professional athlete, in the long run it isn't that healthy. ... I had Lyme disease four years ago — the doctors told me I have to be wary of joint problems. Also, [instead] of pounding your joints on a treadmill, I use a bike or swimming to avoid extra wear.

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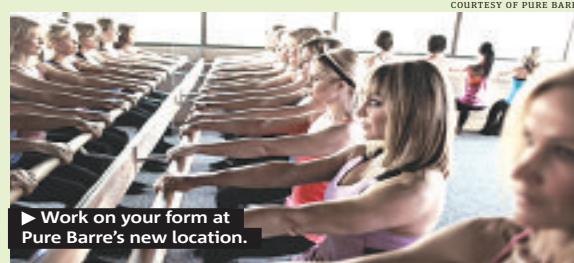
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Mileage mandate puts all lives in the (too) fast lane

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18-wheeler. It is not smart to buy a Smart Car unless you can accept a shortened average life span. Has Obama calculated how much our society will be paying in more medical bills? Or is he counting on lowering the average life span to save Social Security and Medicare?

JOSEPH DUPONT, TOWANDA, PA.

Solid, successful marriages are great — even gay ones

RE: "MARRIAGE IS WHAT BRINGS SOCIETY TOGETHER TODAY" (METRO, SEPT. 4) Jason Lee argues that "thousands of years of recorded history have shown that monogamous, permanent, heterosexual relationship benefits the people involved as well as society — whereas other

relationships do not have this same benefit." What goes unrecorded, unfortunately, is the countless gay couples who have stepped in to raise kids and maintain a sense of family where heterosexual relationships have failed. Here's one, Mr. Lee: If gays are not permitted to marry, then maybe heteros shouldn't be permitted to divorce.

LOU ERICSON, JERSEY CITY, N.Y.

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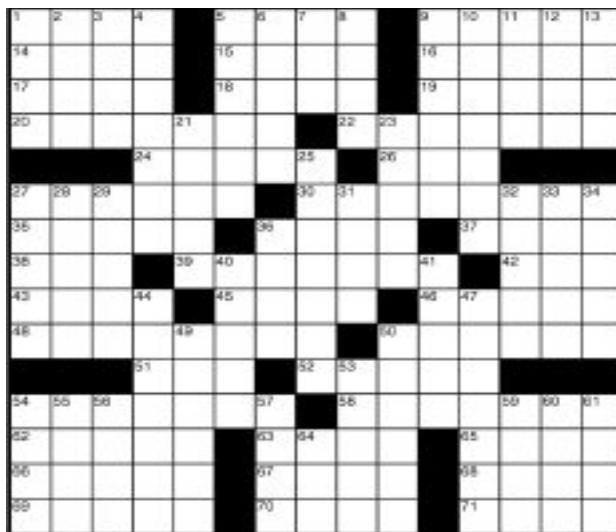
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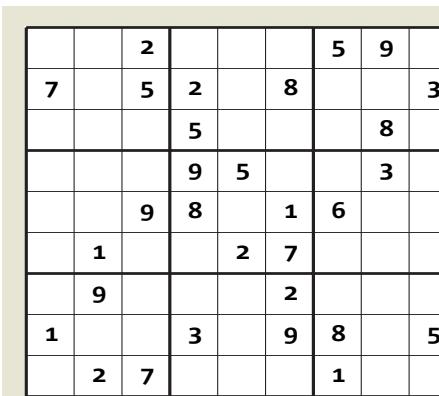
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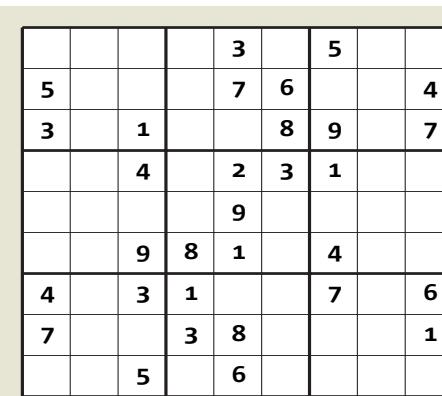
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SUDOKU LEVEL: EASY



SUDOKU LEVEL: HARD

Solution to yesterday's crossword



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- But this year you're not going to wait 30 minutes in line just to score some watered-down Dark 'n' Stormys
- You're going to rage at Tracy Reese's dance party, belt your rendition of 'Call Me Maybe' for Michael Kors, share cookies with Karlie Kloss and make out with Kellan Lutz
- Maybe not that last part, but we've got your guide to a good time



3: MAC
506 Broadway
7-10 p.m.
212-334-4641
www.maccosmetics.com

This is sure to be one of the hottest tickets of the night, so get here early if you want to catch "212" rapper **Azealia Banks** take the stage in-store. Will her pal **Karl Lagerfeld** stop by? Who knows. But her lipstick collaboration with MAC, the goth-like purple shade **Yung Rapunzel**, will make its debut.



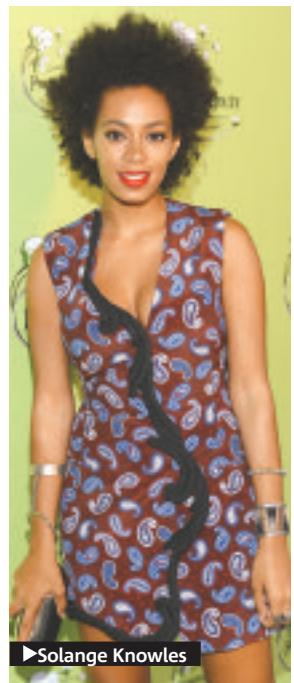
MORE LISTINGS INSIDE

fashion's night out

Highlights: Meatpacking District

DVF
874 Washington St.
6-11 p.m.
646-486-4800
www.dvf.com

Guests sip on cocktails courtesy of Tito's Handmade Vodka and nibble on bites from MPD while receiving fashion advice from Diane von Furstenberg. Or they can just burn up the dance floor. Solange Knowles will man the decks at the event hosted by Alison Williams (HBO's "Girls").



Maybelline
gansevoort Plaza
14th Street & Ninth Avenue
6-11 p.m.

www.maybelline.com
Don't have time to primp before the leaving the office? Just trek down to the Maybelline Mobile Color Studio. Pop in for a quick touch-up or mini manicure by the beauty giant's top artists. Then get your picture taken in their custom photo studio.

Target
441 W. 14th St.
212-206-8280

6-10 p.m.
www.target.com

Ross Mathews, aka Ross the Intern on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," will choose four lucky guests to be the first to enter Target's pop-up store and win a \$250 gift card. The location, only open for one night, will feature goods from the store's four new designer collaborations, including Kirna Zabete, before they launch nationwide.

YOUR FASHION'S NIGHT OUT GUIDE

2012

Tracy Reese
641 Hudson St.
212-807-0505

6-11 p.m.
www.tracyreese.com
Ready to drop it like it's hot? Head to Tracy Reese for a dance-a-thon, where the designer will judge partygoers' moves. Each hour, prizes will be distributed to those who throw it down best.

QVC
14th Street & Ninth Avenue
800-345-1555

6-11 p.m.
www.qvc.com
Reality star-turned-designer Nicole Richie and designer-turned-reality star Isaac Mizrahi will be on hand, along with songstress Jennifer Hudson, who will be debuting her first line for the shopping network.

Revlon
40 Bethune St.
212-366-1114

6-9 p.m.
www.revlon.com
Pucker up! It's Revlon's 80th birthday — and to celebrate, makeup artist extraordinaire Gucci Westman will dole out primping advice while her team gives makeovers. Tickets (\$50) get you a consultation with Westman, a manicure, champagne, food and a chance to win two tickets to Rag & Bone's show. All proceeds go to "Look Good Feel Better," an organization dedicated to helping cancer patients.

UrbanSpace Meatpacking
437-51 W. 13th St.
212-529-9262

6-11 p.m.
www.urbanspacenyc.com
Individual vendors in the boutique center will host parties filled with goodies galore, from Kira Kira (Baked by Melissa cupcakes, prosecco, a gift with purchases of \$250 or more and 15 percent off all purchases of Japanese-inspired collections



Dior's Grand
Bal eyelashes

benefit the Tsunami Relief Fund) to Wink & Flip (Macaron Parlour snacks, a limited-edition necklace and a 15 percent off gift card for a later purchase).

Christian Louboutin
59 Horatio St.
212-255-1910

6-9 p.m.
www.christianlouboutin.fr
The luxury French shoe shop challenges guests to look at "what lies beneath their soles" with tarot card readers and X-ray light boxes in the store's windows. Three exclusive styles — all centered on dragon tattoo embroidery — will also be unveiled during the evening. One of them, hopefully, is in your near future.

Highlights: Midtown

BCBGMAXAZRIA
461 Fifth Ave.
212-991-9777

6-9 p.m.
www.bcbg.com
Sure you can mingle with Max, Lubov and Joyce Azria, but the real reason to stop by is the chance to win a \$1,000 BCBGMAXAZRIA wardrobe. All party-goers have to do is enter to show up, get styled in the designer's threads and post a picture of their new look on Instagram.

Bottega Veneta
699 Fifth Ave.
212-371-5511

6-10 p.m.
www.bottegaveneta.com



Bottega Veneta will unveil a new eco-friendly bag — of which 100 will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Dior
21 E. 57th St.
7-9 p.m.

www.dior.com
You may never grace the pages of Vogue, but now you can have your picture taken by one of the magazine's top photographers, Arthur Elgort, who will be on hand capturing portraits of shoppers. Bonus: Preview the brand's new Grand Bal false eyelashes — adorned with Swarovski crystals! Celebrity makeup artist Ricky Wilson will be present to give tips.

GANT
645 Fifth Ave.
6-11 p.m.

212-813-9170
www.gant.com
Only one lucky winner will walk away with a \$1,000 shopping spree. But even for those who don't, everything in store will be 15 percent off.

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Grab the new
Bottega Veneta bag.

gar at the Men's Lounge with Scott Disick — he'll share the floor with the New York Jets cheerleaders, natch.

Opening Ceremony at Ace Hotel

1190-1192 Broadway
6-11 p.m.

212-334-7240

www.openingceremony.us

Sing your heart out in the hotel lobby-turned-noraebang as Opening Ceremony focuses on Korea for its second FNO outing at the ACE. Plus, there'll be plenty of festivities celebrating its 10th anniversary, including personal items from OC friends such as Rodearte, Proenza Schouler and Pamela Love — all on sale for only \$10! Proceeds from the FNO event will be donated to Broome Street Academy.

Sephora

597 Fifth Ave.

7:30-9 p.m.

212-980-6534

www.sephora.com

Marchesa designers Georgina Chapman and Karen Craig will kick off the debut of their new fragrance. Their gorgeous dresses will be on display for guests to swoon over.



Saks Fifth Avenue

611 Fifth Ave.

6-10 p.m.

212-753-4000

www.saksfifthavenue.com

Where do shoppers even start at Saks? Estee Lauder's Tom Pecheux will give consultations, Oscar de la Renta will launch his new fragrance, Darren Criss of "Glee" will sign the September issue of Vogue, Knicks star Amar'e Stoudemire will autograph his new book and Rebecca Minkoff will host a "ponytail bar." But the one line we'd endure: Suno's custom nail bar with Minx Nails.

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MACY'S CELEBRATES FASHION'S NIGHT OUT

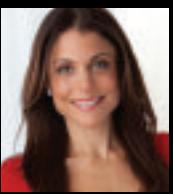
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Thursday, September 6

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Come celebrate with Macy's as the fourth annual Fashion's Night Out takes over NYC, Chicago, San Francisco, Miami, LA and select cities coast-to-coast. Buzzing with excitement – from runway shows and star appearances to exclusive shopping perks and the most talked about trends from your favorite designers – Macy's promises to make FNO 2012 bigger, better and more fashionable than ever! As you fill your shopping bag, be sure to check out the limited-edition FNO merchandise, with 40% of any purchase from this exclusive collection to benefit the New York City AIDS Fund in the Community Trust. So, grab your most stylish BFFs and join the fun!



Bethenny Frankel



Scott Disick

The excitement begins at 6 p.m.!

6:00 p.m., Textiles on 6: Macy's Culinary Council Chef **Johnny Iuzzini** and special guest **Debi Mazar**, actress, foodie and co-host of *Extra Virgin*, will share their tips on entertaining in style in a New York space.

6:00 p.m., Intimates on 6: Shop Skinnygirl Solutions with reality star and Skinnygirl creator, **Bethenny Frankel**!

6:30 p.m., Men's on 3: Stop by the Men's Lounge, hosted by E!'s *Keeping up with the Kardashians* star **Scott Disick**! Enjoy cigar rolling, complimentary drinks* from Scott's NYC restaurant RYU and more! While you're here, meet the **New York Jets** Flight Crew Cheerleaders.

6:30 p.m., Juniors on 4: Meet actress **Britt Robertson** – the new face of Tommy Girl – and create your favorite Tommy Girl look for the chance to win a Macy's Shopping Spree[†].

6:30 p.m., Dresses on 4: Welcome designer **B Michael** as he debuts his new dress collection **b michael AMERICA RED**, created exclusively for Macy's!

7:00 p.m., Impulse on 3: Visit the W118 shopping party and meet designer **Walter Baker**.

7:00 p.m., Main Floor: Come to the cosmetics party with BeneFit and TV sweetheart **Emily Maynard** at our Beauty Best...or Bust event. Have your photo snapped with Emily with your \$50 BeneFit purchase**.

7:00 p.m., Ready to Wear on 5: Watch a fashion presentation hosted by **Clinton Kelly** – star of *What Not To Wear* – as he shares his style tips for the season.

7:00 p.m., Broadway Plaza: Rock out to tunes from our guest DJ at the Ultimate Fashion's Night Out Dance Party!

7:30 p.m., Shoes on 2: Enjoy fun fashion trivia with renowned fashion designer and TV personality **Michael Kors** as he celebrates the launch of the World's Largest Shoe Floor.

7:30 p.m., Activewear on 4: Meet **Albie Manzo** from *The Real Housewives of New Jersey* and discover how to rehydrate with a sample of **blk** – the water infused with fulvic trace minerals.

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Events subject to change or cancellation. Please note: "celebrity meet and greet" passes, tickets and/or gifts with purchase will be available for redemption beginning at 5pm on September 6 at the respective event location and only applicable on purchases made at Macy's Herald Square on September 6. *Must be 21 or older to consume alcoholic beverages; valid proof of ID will be required. †No purchase necessary. **BeneFit purchase must include a They're Real mascara purchase.

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For a complete list of events, visit rockefellercenter.com

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Highlights: Upper East Side

DKNY

655 Madison Ave.

6-10 p.m.

212-223-3569

www.dkny.com

Miss Piggy toasts the members of the 2013 FDNY Calendar of Heroes with some beer and bubbly. Shoppers also receive a special-edition gift with a purchase. Calendar proceeds benefit the FDNY Foundation.

Max Mara

813 Madison Ave.

6-11 p.m.

212-879-6100

www.maxmara.com

Guests will savor authentic frozen treats from Grom Gelato and enter to win a trip to Milan to watch a Max Mara runway show — and indulge in some real Italian gelato.

Rebecca Taylor

980 Madison Ave.

8-10 p.m.

646-560-2515

www.rebeccataylor.com

Get ready to strut! Lucky magazine editor Lynette Pone will style 15-20 girls in fall looks, which will be published on Rebecca Taylor's Facebook page. The girl whose style gets the most "likes" gets to keep her outfit.

Swarovski

625 Madison Ave.

6-11 p.m.

212-308-1710

www.swarovski.com

Instagram fashionistas, get your cameras up: Snap a picture of yourself with the hashtag #SwarovskiFNO for a chance to win a \$500 Swarovski gift card. There will also be plenty of champagne and giveaways at the store, and a special gift with any purchase of \$150 or more.

Milly

900 Madison Ave.

6-11 p.m.

212-395-9100

www.millyny.com

Designer Michelle Smith will mingle and announce the winner of the #MillyNYFashionWeek "Future Perfect" contest. The prize? A two-night stay at the White Barn Inn, two tickets to the Milly by Michelle Smith Spring '13 fashion show, and \$500 credit to shop her line.

Bloomingdale's

1000 Third Ave.

6-11 p.m.

212-705-2000

www.bloomingdales.com

Bloomies knows how to throw a party. Expect deals, prizes, treats and A-list stars galore, including Pharrell Williams, Matchbox Twenty and Kellan Lutz.



Score these
Michael Kors
glasses and case.



► Kellan Lutz is going to be
at Bloomingdale's.

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Magnolia Bakery at Bloomingdale's

1000 Third Ave.

7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

212-265-5320

www.magnoliabakery.com

Magnolia's famous cupcake is getting a glam makeover. The bakery is collaborating with Swarovski for the "Swarovski Cupcake," topped with an edible gem. Also available, the "Fashion's Night Out Cupcake" — \$1 of each FNO cupcake sold goes to New York City AIDS Fund.

Michael Kors 667 Madison Ave.

6-11 p.m.

212-980-1550

www.michaelkors.com

Michael Kors, along with celebrities Nina Arianda, Nikki Reed and Kate Upton, will judge the winner of the Kors Karaoke contest, a singing showdown between three popular YouTube singers. The store will also have exclusive FNO items for sale, including gold aviator sunglasses, a cosmetic case and T-shirt.

Missoni 1009 Madison Ave.

6-9 p.m.

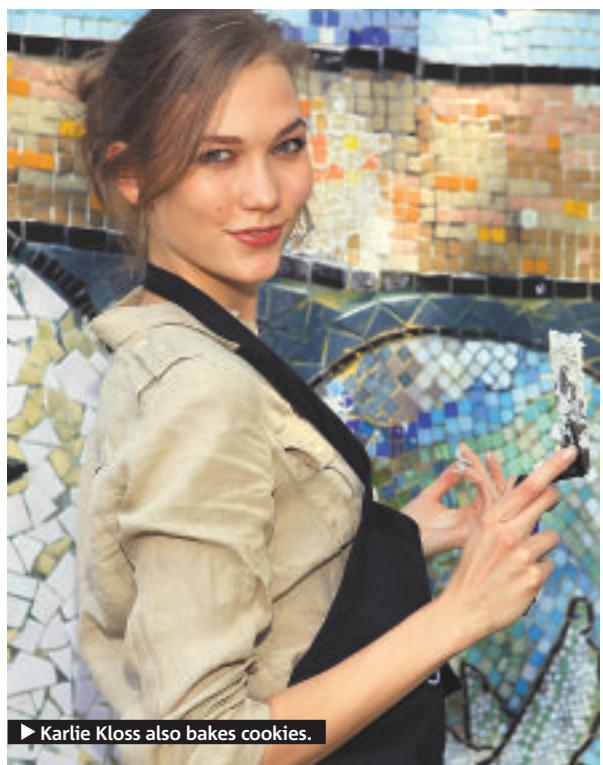
212-517-9339

www.missoni.com

Mingle with Margherita Missoni and shop exclusive rings supporting EDODE, a non-profit dedicated to improving water supplies in African villages.



► That's one fancy Swarovski cupcake.



► Karlie Kloss also bakes cookies.

Highlights: Soho

DKNY 420 W. Broadway

6-10 p.m.
646-613-1100
www.dkny.com

We're calling it: This is the cutest event of the night. Lauren Bush Lauren and Karlie Kloss team up for an old-fashioned bake sale to benefit the FEED foundation. Kloss will launch her cookie line with Momofuku Milk Bar, Karlie's Kookies, which her model pals Jordan Dunn and Toni Garrn will help serve. Proceeds from the treats and a percentage of event sales will go to FEED.

Helmut Lang 6-11 p.m. 93 Mercer St.

212-242-3240
www.helmutlang.com

Helmut Lang leads the way for a night of music. On the bill: Brooklyn-band La Sera and a DJ set from Sweden-based electro pop duo Icona Pop. Then enjoy ice cream sandwiches from the Coolhaus truck or a Heineken and cocktails courtesy of Death + Company. A raffle with \$250, \$500 and \$1,000 gift cards will also be up for grabs.

Piperlime 6-11 p.m. 121 Wooster St. **212-343-4284**

www.piperlime.com Although Piperlime pop-up stores have emerged in NYC in the past, this is the first one to stay. Celebrate the grand opening of



► Olivia Palermo

Q&A

**What are three trends
you're coveting for
fall?**

Metallic, leather and
burgundy pants.
— Olivia Palermo,
Piperlime guest editor

their permanent digs with Rachel Zoe and Olivia Palermo while listening to the sounds of Rev Run & DJ Ruckus.

Tiffany & Co.

6-11 p.m.

106 Wooster St.

212-755-8000

www.tiffany.com

Fifth Avenue icon Tiffany & Co. moved downtown. To make nice with their artsy SoHo neighbors, they've invited photographer Sean Sullivan of the Tumblr The Impossible Cool (7-8 p.m.) to hang out. Shoppers enjoy cotton candy ice cream cones and mini chocolate bars while creating their own art on a digital graffiti wall.

United Colors of Benetton

6-10 p.m.

135 Crosby St.

800-535-4491

www.benetton.com

The sweater just got seductive. Part modern art gallery, part pop-up store, this exhibition celebrates Benetton's sweaters through a collection of knit objects. The installation, called "Lana Sutra," features wool-covered, life-sized figures posing in "Kama Sutra" positions.

Vince Camuto

532 Broadway

6-10 p.m.

646-532-2684

www.vincecamuto.com

Shoppers who use the app Snapette can virtually window shop and "snap" their favorite pieces from Vince Camuto — whoever gets the most "Love Its" will receive a \$500 gift card.

Moncler

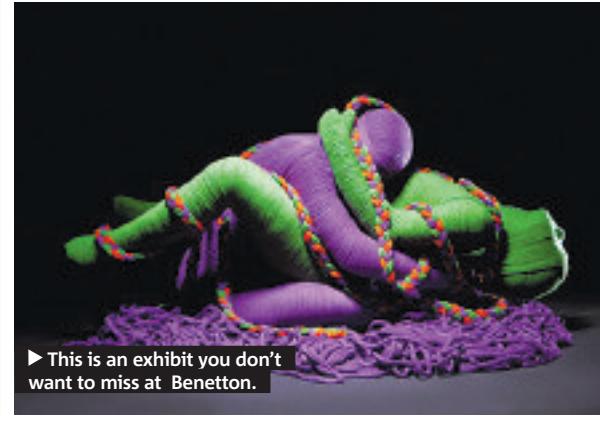
90 Prince St.

6-10 p.m.

646-350-3620

www.moncler.com

In honor of Moncler's upcoming 60th anniversary, the brand created two limited-edition T-shirts featuring archive images which will be on sale. Check them out and enjoy a cocktail while there.



► This is an exhibit you don't want to miss at Benetton.

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locks with Swarovski.

French Connection

435 W. Broadway

6-10 p.m.

212-219-1197

www.frenchconnection.com

Yonkers hip-hop artist Outasight will perform and shoppers have the chance to score a Fashion's Night Out-exclusive dress (\$72).



ASH Footwear

44 Mercer St.

6-9 p.m.

646-422-7098

www.ashfootwearusa.com

Shoppers can get 15 percent off all purchases and enter a Twitter contest to win a pair of last Fashion Week's big hit: ASH Wedge Sneakers. Move to the music of DJ Evan Only and enjoy drinks and photo booths.

C. Wonder

72 Spring St.

6-9 p.m.

212-219-3500

www.cwonder.com

Don't bypass a C. Wonder rep handing out colorful balloons. Bring these babies back to the store for a prize — including mystery gift cards ranging in value from \$5 to \$250. Daily Candy editors will be in store giving their two cents on fall fashion trends while lemonade and sweets will be served.

Swarovski CRYSTALLIZED

499 Broadway

6-11 p.m.

212-966-3322

www.swarovski-crystallized.com

Sip on champagne and ponder Yoko Ono's new collaboration of pendants in shapes of keys and



A Yoko Ono creation.

Tommy Hilfiger

681 Fifth Ave.

7-9 p.m.

212-223-1824

www.tommy.com

Savor treats from Van Leeuwen Artisan Ice Cream and classic American hors d'oeuvres while listening to music courtesy of DJ Sammy.

Henri Bendel

712 Fifth Ave.

7-8 p.m.

212-247-1100

www.henribendel.com

It's Las Vegas in NYC at Henri Bendel. Shoppers will be treated to a performance from Cirque Du Soleil's "Zumanity" during a casino-themed party. Cocktails will flow thanks to The Mulberry Project and food trucks provide bites galore.

Ted Baker London

595 Fifth Ave.

6-11 p.m.

212-317-1514

www.tedbaker-london.com

The British are coming! Enjoy fish and chips, cocktails inspired by England and toffee pudding while shopping at Ted Baker London. British DJ Kieran Taylor will be spinning, and those who make a purchase of \$200 or more get a "Ted Loves New York" tote.



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6-11 p.m.

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Ashes at Bergdorf Goodman," a collection of stories about the shop, while designers like Rachel Zoe and Naeem Khan listen on.



H&M

640 Fifth Ave.

6-11 p.m.

212-489-0390

www.hm.com

Finding a cab during FNO is brutal. But getting around during the night just got a whole lot better thanks to H&M's free double-decker bus service, which will transport shoppers between various H&M locations. Also, enter to get VIP access at H&M's private Lana Del Rey performance.

**Happy birthday,
Fresh!**

Fresh

872 Broadway

6-8 p.m.

212-477-1100

www.fresh.com

It's Fresh's 21st birthday! To celebrate, co-founder Lev Glazman will mingle with guests and give beauty advice. Artist R. Nichols will create custom stationery for shoppers who spend \$125 or more. Nichols has also revamped the packaging on three of Fresh's famous oval soap bars — Sugar, Patchouli and Hesperides Grapefruit.

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SPEED RUSH

► Giants defensive line not just among league best, but best of all time ► Tuck, Umenyiora, Pierre-Paul present impossible matchups for opposing coaches ► And they want to be better

The Giants enter Wednesday night's opener with an advantage not many teams in the history of the NFL have ever had — a bona fide front-four pass rush that can single-handedly control a game.

Led by customary Pro Bowlers Justin Tuck and Osi Umenyiora and rising star Jason Pierre-Paul, the Giants' pass rush even has a snazzy nickname to match immortal greats like the "Fearsome Foursome," the "Purple People Eaters" and the "Steel Curtain." New York's "NASCAR" pass-rush lineup is unquestionably the best in the league today and with two Super Bowl titles in their possession, the Tuck and Umenyiora regime is well within reach of that same all-time elite status.

"They're a formidable group," said defensive line coach Robert Nunn. "They've all come in a good frame of mind, they all work very hard, and I'm very pleased with where they are right now. ... [But] there are a lot of areas we've talked about in the off-season. I've got all of the good plays on cutups [game film], and the bad ones, too. If we can clean up some of the things we need to focus on, I think we can make even bigger improvements."

Improvement should be a scary thought for opposing teams, as the "NASCAR" squad is the standard bearer of front-four pass rushing units. And despite having an elite quarterback to key the offense in what is now a pass-happy league, they're proud to admit they think Big Blue's success hinges on their ability to control a game.



► Jason Pierre-Paul led the Giants and was fourth in the NFL with 16.5 sacks last season. Justin Tuck, right, expects to bounce back from an injury-plagued season.

Who's fastest?

Defensive coordinator Perry Fewell said he has a hard time figuring out which guy gets off the line first at the snap.

► "It's hard to find out who's the quickest and who's the fastest. Some days I look and say, 'JPP (Pierre-Paul) looks great today.' But then Osi comes flying off the end and I'm saying, 'Wow, that's pretty fast,'" Fewell said. "Then Tuck makes a move and I'm scratching my head."

"We definitely shoot for getting off to fast starts, especially with our D-line," said Tuck. "Everyone knows that when we play well, this team, this defense plays well. A lot of pressure is on us, but we like it that way. Hopefully we can set the tone early."

Defensive tackle Chris Canty, who'll have a great look at his brethren during his stay on the physically unable to perform list, joked that when the defensive line is rolling, it "looks like the varsity playing against the JV."

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Eli Manning in control of offensive unit

Tom Coughlin doesn't mince words when talking about how much he believes in the signal caller of his team's offense.

He was asked Monday what intangibles Eli Manning had. His response, "You name it."

Manning won his second Super Bowl and second Super Bowl MVP last season against the Patriots. He put



► Manning

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► Manning

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"Probably when they scout you, they say, 'He's an All-Pro,' but so are Tuck and Osi. They're All-Pros too."

GIANTS DE JASON PIERRE-PAUL

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ability to understand exactly what you want to do and what the defense is doing," Coughlin said. "He'll talk to you about it and get the ball into the right receiver. He does a great job in the classroom. He does a great job representing the Giants. He has outstanding character. He has outstanding leadership. People listen to what he says."

Manning threw for 67 yards shy of 5,000 last season. It's no wonder Coughlin can't stop heaping on the praise. ■ METRO

ONE LAST CHANCE



► Is Rex Ryan on the hot seat? ► He doesn't seem to think so ► Just don't ask the fans what they think about their vociferous coach if they miss the playoffs again ► He doesn't expect that to happen again

When he became the Jets' head coach in 2009, Rex Ryan talked about his goal of winning the Super Bowl at his introductory press conference. There was nothing surprising about his statements; it is common for a new coach to speak with lofty ambitions.

But as days turned into weeks, then months and years, every time Ryan spoke it seemed like he was promising the fan base a Vince Lombardi Trophy. He has yet to deliver on that promise.

But he isn't backing away from the challenge. In fact, Ryan has upped the ante.

"In my opinion, I think this has a chance to be the best team that I've had since I've been the coach here," Ryan said last week.

It's the kind of bold talk that makes Jets fans love their coach, but makes it impossible for him to ever live up to expectations. The team collapsed down the stretch last year, and an offense that was anemic during the final quarter of last season didn't make significant

"I know I'm a great coach. ... It's hard for me to look at myself as not being successful. I don't see [getting fired] as a possibility."

REX RYAN, ON JOB SECURITY

upgrades.

One of the nine head-coaching hires in the league in 2009, only Ryan and Detroit's Jim Schwartz remain as NFL head coaches. All the others were dumped by their teams. He

must be doing something right, but the pressure is clearly on in his fourth season and he had better produce a title.

"I know I'm a great coach, and what makes me a great coach is the guys that coach with me and the guys that play for me. It's hard for me to look at myself as not being successful," Ryan said Monday afternoon on ESPN Radio's "Michael Kay Show." "I don't see [getting fired] as a possibility. One day, it might be 10 years from now or 15 years from now when Woody Johnson wants to go in a different direction, and that's fine."

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The only other coach hired before the 2009 season — Detroit's Jim Schwartz — has a winning percentage of just .375 (18-30). Ryan's winning percentage is .583 (28-20).

Jets 2012 schedule

DATE OPPONENT TIME

SEPT. 9 BUFFALO 1:00 (CBS)
SEPT. 16 AT PITTSBURGH 4:25 (CBS)
SEPT. 23 AT MIAMI 1:00 (CBS)
SEPT. 30 SAN FRANCISCO 1:00 (FOX)
OCT. 8 HOUSTON 8:30 (ESPN)
OCT. 14 INDIANAPOLIS 1:00 (CBS)
OCT. 21 AT NEW ENGLAND 4:25 (CBS)
OCT. 28 MIAMI 1:00 (CBS)
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NOV. 11 AT SEATTLE 4:05 (CBS)
NOV. 18 AT ST. LOUIS 1:00 (CBS)
NOV. 22 NEW ENGLAND 8:20 (NBC)
DEC. 2 ARIZONA 1:00 (FOX)
DEC. 9 AT JACKSONVILLE 1:00 (CBS)
DEC. 17 AT TENNESSEE 8:30 (ESPN)
DEC. 23 SAN DIEGO 8:20 (NBC)
DEC. 30 AT BUFFALO 1:00 (CBS)

Offense could hold key to 2012 success for Jets

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► Santonio Holmes was the problem more than the solution last year.

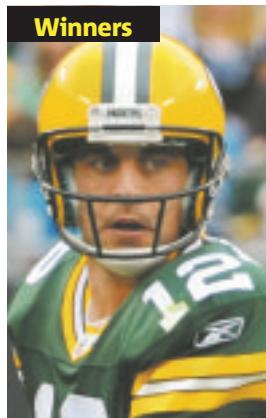
Coaches like to save their touchdowns for games that count. But going without a score for the first three preseason games was not what Rex Ryan had in mind.

The biggest question for the Jets this season revolves around the effectiveness of the offense — and not just the Wildcat package installed for Tim Tebow. The first-team offense went without a touchdown all preseason.

"I'm pretty sure there are [people doubting our offense], but that's not one of my concerns. Neither should it be [for] anyone else that wears a green jersey," wide receiver Santonio Holmes said. "It's not how many people [are] doubting us; it's about what we believe in in this locker room." ■ METRO

NFL season predictions ... sure to go wrong

The grid: We'd bet it with our money ★★★ | We'd bet it with your money ★★ | Fat chance ★ | by Mark Osborne



Super Bowl picks?
Answer: Packers over Ravens
By: Mark Osborne, Metro New York sports editor
Confidence level: ★★★
 Green Bay definitely has something to prove after a choke job in the NFC divisional round last year to the Giants. There's no reason to think they won't be right back in the same position this season ... and finish.

Answer: Patriots over Saints
By: Mike Greger, Metro Philadelphia sports editor
Confidence level: ★★★
 Drew Brees is on a mission in the aftermath of Bountygate, but he'll fall one drive short — on his home turf — against Tom Brady and the NFL's most prolific offense. The Pats are too loaded.

Answer: Patriots over Bears
By: Matt Burke, Metro Boston sports editor
Confidence level: ★★★
 Homer pick. But have you seen the Pats' schedule? It's the easiest in the NFL. Chicago pops up as an elite NFC team every other year, it seems. Here's saying Brandon Marshall has a huge 2012.

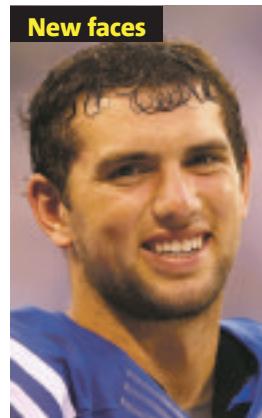


Will the Dolphins finish with the worst record?
Answer: Yes.
Confidence level: ★★
 You'd have to be as smart as Ryan Tannehill to pick the Dolphins to have a successful season. They've basically forfeited the year (bye, Vontae Davis) to rebuild for 2013. And they're going to get a nice pick to start off. Better start scouting who else has a hot wife.

Which QB will be Arizona's top pick in '13?
Answer: Matt Barkley
Confidence level: ★★★
 Who ya got? Kevin Kolb? John Skelton? A Juggs machine pointed at Larry Fitzgerald each snap? We know they're going to take a QB next year. Why not take USC's Matt Barkley? He is the most logical choice.



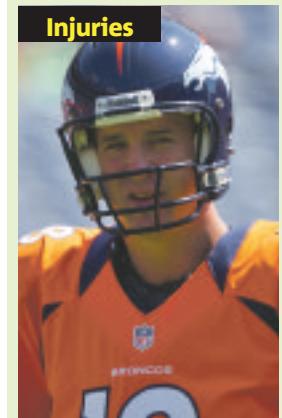
Hopefully he works out better than Matt Leinart.



Who will be Offensive Rookie of the Year?
Answer: Andrew Luck (Ind.)
Confidence level: ★★★
 It's hard to pick against the current and future savior of Indianapolis on this one. To be fair, he looked *really* good in the preseason. Robert Griffin III is going to struggle big time, by the way. The defensive lines in the NFC East will have him limping off the field.

Who will be Defensive Rookie of the Year?
Answer: Mark Barron (TB)
Confidence level: ★
 Granted Nick Saban and Alabama have already replaced him with someone better, but Barron is a great safety. He'll be allowed to freelance in the secondary and will definitely come up with a bunch of picks.

Will the real officials ever come back?
Answer: Yes. Money. Yes.
Confidence level: ★★★
 The first few weeks will probably be ugly with scab officials. But don't worry, the real officials will be ready to make different, equally puzzling mistakes once they settle in a few weeks. Give the poor guys a raise, Roger!



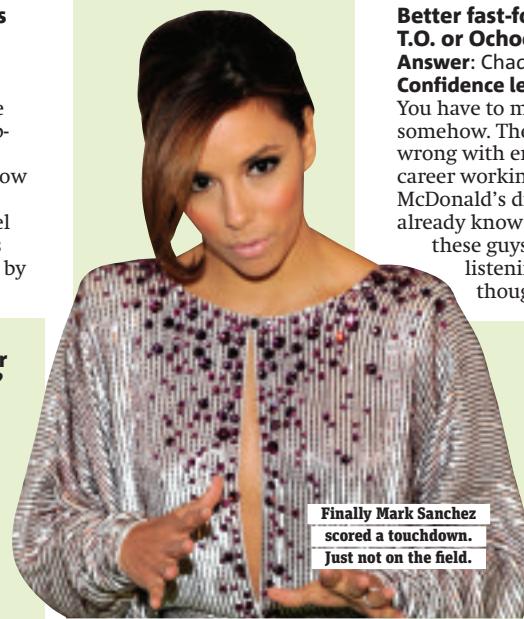
Will Peyton Manning's neck last a season?
Answer: Yes. (Fingers crossed.)
Confidence level: ★★
 With everyone caught up in the drama of Peyton Manning's move to Denver and Tim Tebow's subsequent ouster, people seem to be forgetting Manning's surgically fused spinal column. Please don't come unfused. (That's a word, right?)

Will Adrian Peterson's knee be fine?
Answer: Yes.
Confidence level: ★★
 Have you seen that dude with his shirt off? It's absurd. I'm surprised his knee ligaments could blow out in the first place. Aren't they made of steel cable? He'll be fine. This message brought to you by my fantasy team.

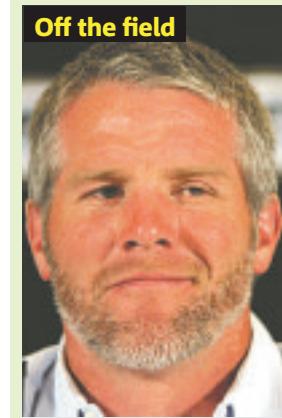
Will Mike Vick be injured before or after the Eagles' bye week?
Answer: Yes. Just yes.
Confidence level: ★★★
 The Eagles could hypothetically be a good team. But if they're going to make the playoffs, they'll probably need Nick Foles to be good.



Bigger disaster: Longoria-Sanchez or Tebow-Sanchez?
Answer: Tebow-Sanchez
Confidence level: ★★
 This one is very close, mainly because we see both relationships going up in flames within a few months. Now if only we could get Eva Longoria to dump Mark Sanchez for Tim Tebow. It's almost too totally awesome to comprehend.



Finally Mark Sanchez scored a touchdown. Just not on the field.



After a year off, is Brett Favre really retired?
Answer: Yes! Finally!
Confidence level: ★
 Our long national nightmare is over. Hopefully, unless Brett Favre pulls a Roger Clemens and decides to play for an Arena Football League team "just for fun" and then decides to join the Cardinals. Damn. That's totally going to happen, isn't it?

Better fast-food clerk: T.O. or Ochocinco?
Answer: Chad Johnson
Confidence level: ★★
 You have to make money somehow. There's nothing wrong with ending your career working at a McDonald's drive-thru. We already know neither of these guys is good at listening to orders though.

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WEEK 1: STEELERS AT BRONCOS

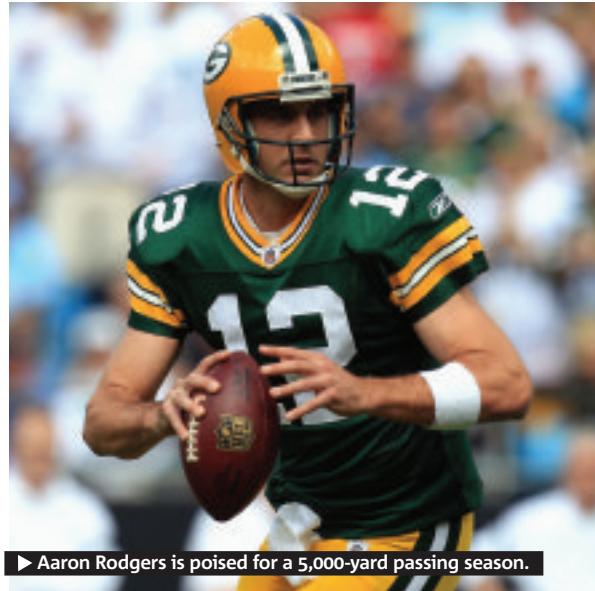
Peyton is back. The biggest wild card in the NFL this season is Denver. If Peyton Manning returns to form, the Broncos could very well be in the thick of the AFC race. Denver's "D" finished 24th in total defense in 2011, but Von Miller and Co. have the potential to be a top-10 unit.

WEEK 2: RAVENS AT EAGLES

Look out, Mike! Mike Vick had a pair of scary injury situations in the preseason. Though Baltimore's defense is now bordering on ancient, Ray Lewis and Ed Reed should bring the heat at Lincoln Financial Field in Week 2. Philly has cupcakes in Week 1 (Cleveland) and



► Peyton Manning



► Aaron Rodgers is poised for a 5,000-yard passing season.



Michael Vick could have
Philly at 3-0 heading
into their Week 4
matchup with the Super
Bowl champs.

HOLIDAY HELPINGS

WEEK 13: STEELERS AT RAVENS

Changing of the guard? Don't adjust your TV sets. For the first time in this storied rivalry, the combatants rely more on high-octane offenses over hard-hitting defenses. Last year, the Ravens swept the series.

WEEK 3: PATRIOTS AT RAVENS

Billy Cundiff drinks alone. Kicker Billy Cundiff won't be able to redeem himself in this game after blowing that 32-yard field goal (he recently signed in Washington), but the AFC Championship Game rematch will still have plenty of drama. If the Patriots can get past Baltimore here, another 16-0 regular season could be a talking point on Monday, Sept. 24.

WEEK 4: GIANTS AT EAGLES

NFC B-east. This division should be the best in football, and the winner of this Week 4 showdown will give us an early idea of who will be in the driver's seat come late December. The Giants won in Philly at the same time of year last season, but the Eagles got revenge in the Meadowlands just prior to Thanksgiving.

WEEK 14: TEXANS AT PATRIOTS

Battle for AFC supremacy. With Arian Foster leading an unstoppable rushing attack, the Texans are out to prove they're more than just one-hit wonders. This could easily be an AFC Championship preview.

WEEK 15: GIANTS AT FALCONS

Showdown at the Georgia Dome. The Falcons were

WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE?

WEEK 5: BRONCOS AT PATRIOTS

Brady vs. Manning. The league's signature individual rivalry of the past decade

returns. Brady and Patriots beat Manning and the Colts, 31-28, in Foxboro on Nov. 21, 2010, in the last meeting between the two future Hall of Famers. The Broncos will also be peeved because the Pats pounded them in the divisional round last January.

WEEK 7: JETS AT PATRIOTS

Turning point for NYJ. Who knows where the Jets will be at this point? Tim Tebow could be starting at quarterback. Or Mark Sanchez could be thriving there. The NYJ could either be in first place in the AFC East or (gulp) without a win. This will either be a classic Patriots-Jets

war, or New England could put the final nail in the coffin of the Rex Ryan era. Regardless, we'll be watching.

WEEK 8: GIANTS AT COWBOYS

Halloween havoc. The Cowboys had little luck with the G-Men last season, going 0-2 against their division foes. This rematch of tonight's NFL season opener is one of the few marquee games on a relatively weak Week 8 slate.

WEEK 11: PACKERS AT LIONS

Detroit Rock City. The Pack have had their way with the NFC North for the past couple of seasons, but the times may be a'changin'. If Matt Stafford and Megatron are clicking, Detroit could leave Week 11 in first place.

pull one last rabbit out of his hat?

WEEK 17: EAGLES AT GIANTS

Division crown on the line? Anything and everything can and usually does happen when these two meet at the Meadowlands. Remember DeSean Jackson and the punt return? Set the DVR and expect the unexpected. Who knows, the NFC East title may be on the line.

Giants build bridge to title

Each year, head coach Tom Coughlin comes up with a slogan to define that year's team.

Last year's Super Bowl march was punctuated by the phrase "All in." In the attempt to repeat as champions, Coughlin has chosen the phrase "Build the Bridge."

"Build the Bridge" means to carry over all the good things that happened at the end of the season last year over into the new season," Coughlin said. "The qualities that allowed us to go forward and win the world championship. Some of those would be: During the course of the last six games we gave up 14 points; We only had one turnover; our special teams made a strong contribution; we rushed the ball better. Those types of things."

Fans on the outside may scoff at millionaire athletes needing a slogan to get



pumped up to do their job. But the players clearly buy in, starting with the captains and filtering down to the players who weren't on last year's title team.

"It definitely should [carry over]," safety and emotional leader Antrel Rolle said. "We won't be able to say whether or not there is a carryover until Wednesday night. If we go out there and play with the performance that we know we can give and hopefully there is some carryover, which we all are looking forward to. We're trying to make a mark for ourselves." **MARK OSBORNE**

Coughlin won't comment on fill-in officials

If you don't have anything nice to say, then don't say anything at all.

That was the approach Giants head coach Tom Coughlin used when asked about the replacement officials that will be in command of



tonight's game against the Cowboys. The officials union and NFL reportedly met over the Labor Day weekend, but still couldn't come to an agreement on a new contract.

"I'm staying away from that. I've already said what I'm trying to say on that and I certainly understand the

position that those gentlemen are in and I wish them nothing but the best and hope that they know the rules," Coughlin said. "They can be spontaneous, instinctive and control the game."

The fact that Coughlin would even mention that he "hopes they know the rules" can't mean good things for a group that has been blasted throughout the preseason. **METRO/MO**

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- Week 1: New York Giants vs. Cowboys, MetLife Stadium
- When: 8:30 p.m., NBC
- What's next: Tampa Bay, Sept. 16



Tony Romo will
be targeting
a weakened
Giants' secondary.

1 An aerial display is likely from both sides.

Both teams head into the opener with question marks in their secondary.

The Cowboys' back four were among the worst last season, which led to their overhaul. Dallas made off-season news by signing former Chiefs corner Brandon Carr and also made a draft-day trade to select former LSU star corner Morris Claiborne.

The Giants, meanwhile, have their own problems. Terrell Thomas (ACL) is on injured reserve for the second-straight season and his backup, Prince Amukamara, is out with a high-ankle sprain. Veteran Michael Coe will start opposite Corey Webster, but although he's played in 27 games, Coe has never started and will be a target of Tony Romo.

2 Will Hakeem Nicks be the same impact player?

Head coach Tom Coughlin said he "thinks [Hakeem Nicks] will play" but if you ask Nicks, who still has some soreness in his surgically repaired foot, he has "no doubt" he will be on the field.

But how effective will he be? The wideout has had little work since breaking his foot on May 24 and spent most of training camp on the physically unable-to-perform list. He only began practicing on Aug. 20 and played in the final preseason game last week against the Patriots, catching just one pass for six yards. He is still a question mark for now.

3 Will Dallas miss Bennett now that he's gone?

Newest Giants' tight end — and former Cowboy — Martellus Bennett insists that playing against his former team won't fuel him more than usual, but was quick to acknowledge the irony of his situation.

"It is kind of ironic, because [Cowboys tight end Jason] Witten is a guy who never missed a game or practice when I was there," Bennett said. "So the day when I'm not there, he may be out for the first game, which is very ironic."

The Giants plan to use him extensively.

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Azarenka may be only one who can stop Williams

Victoria Azarenka was born in Minsk, Belarus, and lives in Monte Carlo. But she is quickly making New York another home.

"I love New York," the world's No. 1-ranked player said after advancing to the semifinals of the U.S. Open for the first time with a 6-1, 4-6, 7-6 (5) victory over defending champion Samantha Stosur in quarterfinal that was interrupted by a one-hour, 17-minute rain delay after three games in Arthur Ashe Stadium. "I feel like it's a great place, just a beautiful city. It's one of my favorite places in the world."

Next up for the outgoing and charismatic Azarenka, 23, is a semifinal date with either Maria Sharapova or Marion Bartoli on Friday.

After that, Azarenka could potentially face Serena Williams in the final. Williams, the winner of 14 career majors,



is just about everybody's favorite to win her fourth Open and 15th major.

"If anybody's going to beat her, they have to play very well, be aggressive, hit winners, not

give her anything and try and temper her serve," Stosur said. "Serena, when she's on, is pretty tough to beat."

Still, if anyone can stop the Serena Express, it might just be

Azarenka, who won her only Grand Slam over Sharapova at the Australian Open in January.

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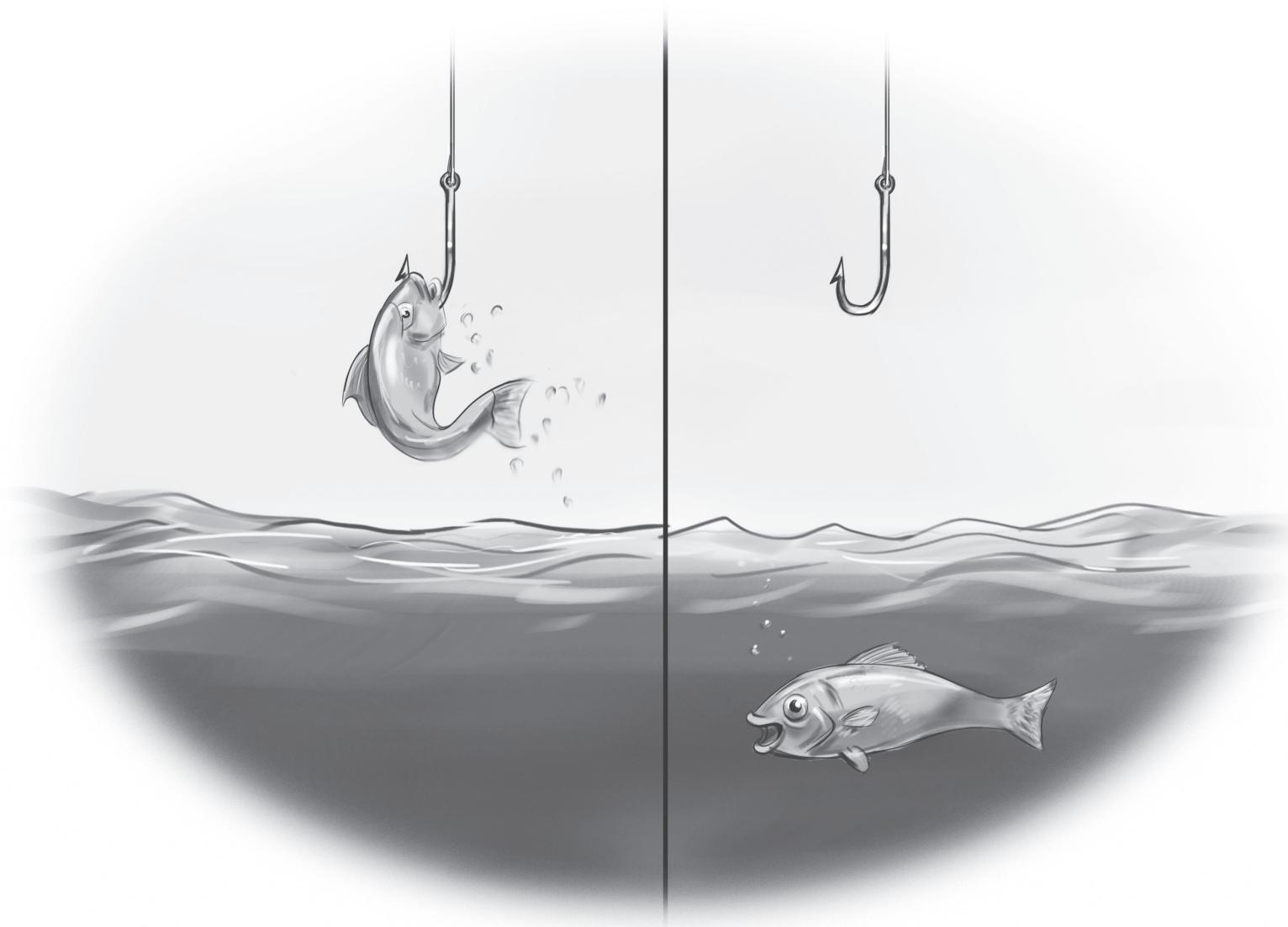
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► Metallic paints spruce up humble linen.

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Design trends

► We scoured the New York International Gift Fair for the latest and greatest in home design ► Here's a tip: Don't toss out your mom's old blue-and-white porcelain dishes just yet

Twice each year, Javits Center in New York City is packed with the latest and greatest in lamps, rugs, salad bowls and more as the New York International Gift Fair displays housewares to store buyers and media outlets. Here are three trends to note before you start re-decorating your digs.

Linen with sparkle

Natural linen was everywhere: on furniture upholstery, pillows, bedding and tabletop goods. Threads of metallic, shiny trims and adornments

helped to decorate this rather plain, humble fabric. One designer who stood out was Ann Gish (maker of high-end luxury bedding), who incorporated a hand-painted look of shimmer or sparkle into the fabric.

Ann Gish Gorgeous bedding, \$400-\$1,800, www.annghish.com

1970s Marrakech

The geometrics of the 1970s took a sophisticated turn this season by incorporating richer colors that resembled patterns often found in Moroccan textiles, rugs and ceramics. Zig-zag, fish scales and tilework were three hot looks, and famed designer



Carnaby lamp

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Feeling blue

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classics has been given resurgence in the contemporary world — many hip exhibitors were showing products that resembled blue-and-white porcelain. This classic color combination looks great with warm neutrals and can also hold its own against strong bursts of color. Ink Dish's Irezumi four-piece dinner set, designed by famed Sunset Strip tattoo artist Paul Timman, features iconic blue-and-white Japan-inspired imagery. \$75, www.inkdish.com

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Despite being inducted into the Merriam-Webster dictionary this year, the term "man cave" is a divisive one. Critics imagine a smoky suburban basement, riddled with sports memorabilia and neon beer signs. Enthusiasts imagine pretty much the same scenario, plus a pinball machine. Joe Chiaccio saw only one thing when he set out to renovate his own basement: the potential to make quite a bit of money.

"A couple years ago, I inherited my great-grandfather's pool table and I started to look around online for things that I'd use to decorate and finish my man cave," he remembers. "A lot of places left a lot to be desired. It almost seemed like people were treating it as a joke. But it's a really serious thing: Guys, if they have the means, will spend tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars on their man caves."

JOE CHIACCIO

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Chiaccio's New Jersey-based online store and design service, Man Cave Kingdom, does offer some of the kitsch we've come to expect. But

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along with the requisite "Live Nudes" sign, the site also offers designer furniture and custom-built kegerators that would look right at home in an upscale kitchen (and, with some going for more than \$2,000, they should).

For the man with a cave but no design sense, Chiaccio and his team (which, yes, includes women) will custom-build any space — from a small shed to the 10,000-square-foot airplane hangar they converted just outside Boston.

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